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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 069142

E.O. 11652:

TAGS: PFOR, CG, SA

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION OF ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE

REF: A) JIDDA 2297, B) STATE 66446

1. WE ARE REPEATING FOR YOUR USE RELEVANT BRIEFING  
CABLES SENT TO AFRICAN POSTS AS BACKGROUND MATERIAL  
FOR DISCUSSION WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THE SHABA  
INVASION. AMEMBASSY JIDDA WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED AS INFO  
ADDRESSEE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE SITREPS AND ANCILLARY  
MATERIAL. AMEMBASSY KINSHASA MAY WISH TO FOLLOW SUIT ON  
CABLES WHICH IT FEELS WOULD BE RELEVANT; WE PLAN TO REPEAT  
KINSHASA'S EXCELLENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ANALYSES  
INCLUDED IN KINSHASA 2640 AND 2515, WHICH WILL BE MORE UP  
TO DATE AND USEFUL THAN THE PARA.

2. THE U.S. RESPONSE TO THE ZAIRIAN REQUEST FOR MILITARY  
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ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY MEASURED. WE WISH TO  
KEEP A LOW PROFILE AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME AS THE  
NIGERIANS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF LAUNCHING THEIR MEDIATION  
EFFORT AND ARE CONCERNED TO AVOID ESCALATION BY OUTSIDE  
POWERS. WE SUPPORT THEIR INITIATIVE AND FEEL THAT A  
SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS COULD SERVE

BOTH U.S. AND ZAIRIAN INTERESTS. THE SAUDIS SHOULD NOT, THEREFORE, INTERPRET OUR QUIET RESPONSE AS ACQUIESCENCE BEFORE COMMUNIST-SUPPORTED AGGRESSION. WE SHARE THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPLICATION OF EVENTS IN ZAIRE FOR AFRICA, WELCOME THEIR INCLINATION TO ASSIST ZAIRE, AND WE WOULD HOPE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THIS QUESTION.

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